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### **Number of Active Vesicular Stomatitis Investigations in Horses in Arizona Increases to 38**

(Phoenix, AZ) -- The Arizona Department of Agriculture has confirmed 19 cases of Vesicular Stomatitis, 12 more are currently under investigation and 7 have been closed in horses throughout Arizona. This comes after the first case was confirmed on April 20, 2005. These premises have all been quarantined. The following is a list of areas where these investigations exist:

- Avondale – 1 premises
- Buckeye – 2 premises
- Camp Verde – 3 premises
- Cave Creek – 1 premises
- Chino Valley – 1 premises
- Desert Hills (Phoenix) – 1 premises
- Dewey – 1 premises
- Glendale – 1 premises
- Globe – 1 premises
- Goodyear – 1 premises
- Humbolt – 1 premises
- Kirkland – 1 premises
- Mayer – 1 premises
- Mohave Valley – 1 premises
- Morenci – 1 premises
- New River – 1 premises
- Safford – 1 premises
- Snowflake – 1 premises
- Taylor – 1 premises
- Tolleson – 4 premises
- Waddell – 1 premises
- Wickenburg – 2 premises
- Williams – 1 premises
- Wittmann – 1 premises

#### Closed Cases:

- Camp Verde – 2 premises
- Cottonwood – 1 premises
- Dewey – 1 premises
- Sedona – 1 premises
- Wittmann – 2 premises

This disease causes blister-like lesions to form in the mouth and on the dental pad, tongue, lips, nostrils, hooves, and teats. These blisters swell and break, leaving raw tissue that is so painful that infected animals generally refuse to eat or drink and show signs of lameness. Severe weight loss usually follows, and in dairy cows, a severe drop in milk production commonly occurs. Affected dairy cattle can appear to be normal and will continue to eat about half of their feed intake.

For more information on this disease, visit [www.azda.gov](http://www.azda.gov) and click on “Hot Topics”. You will also find a map, which is updated weekly, detailing the cases in the U.S.

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